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Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics—Disinfection of vessels—Mild case of yellow fever removed from American steamship Monterey, from Vera Cruz and Progreso.

Week ended August 15, 1903.

Number of health certificates issued	92
Vessels inspected and issued bills of health	25
Vessels disinfected	2
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected	881
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	343
Pieces of baggage inspected	128
Pieces of baggage disinfected	2
Pieces of freight inspected	2, 329
Pieces of express inspected	10

Mortuary report of Habana, Cuba, for week ended August 15, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis	22
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	3
Meningitis	3
Diphtheria	1
Enteric fever	4
Enteritis	5
Scarlet fever	1
Malarial fever	1
Cancer	1

Total deaths from all causes, 119.

On August 11 the disinfection of the Norwegian bark *Endymion* was begun. This vessel arrived at Caibarien, Cuba, on August 3 from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, with a foul bill of health, showing existence of plague at that place. The vessel was remanded to Habana, and Dr. Carlos J. Finlay, chief quarantine officer, requested its disinfection. Two large rats and a number of small ones were found, which were burned. The crew were all in good health.

A second-class passenger with fever was removed on August 11 from the American steamship *Monterey*, from Vera Cruz and Progreso. The contagious disease commission decided the case to be yellow fever. The case was very mild, and the man made an uneventful recovery.

On August 14 the Norwegian steamship *Nord* was disinfected prior to departure for Galveston, as reported in my letter of August 17.

The Spanish bark *Marcelino Jane*, Captain Mas, one hundred and six days out of Montevideo, with a cargo of jerked beef, entered the port on August 10. This vessel stopped at Rio de Janeiro to repair leaks, according to the statement of the captain. Five men were discharged at Rio de Janeiro and 7 new men shipped. The Cuban authorities held this vessel in quarantine and later sent her to Mariel for disinfection and removal of cargo, for the reason that she put into Rio de Janeiro where plague is reported, and the captain had no explanation to offer as to why a part of his crew left the vessel there and additional men were shipped. He also brought a bill of health from the Spanish consul at Rio de Janeiro and stated that the American consul refused to issue him one.